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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 16 August 1978 Hearing of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on Oversight on International Terrorism

X1 1. ☐ On 16 August 1978 the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on Oversight held a closed hearing on the subject of international terrorism. The briefing took place from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Room H 405, The Capitol. Physical security was taken care of by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence staff. A transcript was taken and information provided was at the Secret/Sensitive level.

X1 2. ☐ Attending from the Committee were:

Representative Charles Rose (D., N. Car.), Chairman,  
Subcommittee on Evaluation

Representative John M. Ashbrook (R., Ohio), Member  
of Subcommittee on Evaluation

Representative Bill D. Burlison (D., Mo.), Chairman,  
Subcommittee on Program and Budget Authorization

Representative Norman Y. Mineta (D., Calif.), Member  
of Subcommittee on Program & Budget Authorization

Representative Romano L. Mazzoli (D., Ky.), Member  
of Subcommittee on Legislation

Representative J. Kenneth Robinson (R., Va.), Member  
of Subcommittee on Program & Budget Authorization

Representative Robert McClory (R., Ill.), Member  
of Subcommittee on Legislation

X1 3. ☐ Attending from the Committee staff were:

Richard Giza  
Herbert Romerstein  
Patrick G. Long  
Fred Hull  
Michael J. O'Neil

Bernard Raimo, Jr.  
Michael P. Flannigan  
Annette H. Smiley  
Marlene Thompson

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X1 4. ☐ The principal Agency briefer was  25X  
Chief, International Activities Division, Terrorism Group, DDO. 25X  
Other Agency attendees were:  Deputy Chief,  
International Activities Division, Terrorism Group, DDO,  
X1  Intelligence Analyst, International  
X1 Issues Division, ORPA,  NFAC/CSS,  
X1  OMS,  OGC, and  25X  
X1  Assistant Legislative Counsel,  IC Staff, 25X  
also sat in on the hearing.

X1 5. ☐ submitted his prepared statement for the  
record and reviewed briefly for the Committee the highlights of  
his opening statement and gave several examples of points he was  
making. Chairman Rose asked the question "when was the rule  
made that an agent could not participate in a terrorist act?"  
He was told that this rule was established roughly three years ago.  
Chairman Rose also asked for an indication of the number of times  
that the Agency has had to withdraw an agent due to the agent's  
anticipated participation in a terrorist act. He was told roughly 25X  
three or four times. Mr. Ashbrook was concerned about whether  
the Agency would be obligated to turn away someone who had engaged  
in terrorist acts but who wished to volunteer information and was told  
that we of course will listen to anyone. The Committee also was  
provided several copies of various publications which the CIA  
Terrorism Group produces and made a request that the weekly  
terrorist report classified Secret be provided to the Committee on  
a weekly basis. Chairman Burlison asked for an estimate of the  
cost of training provided to foreign liaison services in support of  
their anti-terrorist efforts. He also asked whether the Agency's  
training in areas such as VIP protection, airport security, harbor  
security, executive driving and the like are not redundant of  
capabilities already existent in the Government.

X1 6. ☐ The Committee indicated that they would be submitting  
questions to us for answers in the record and these questions will  
be forthcoming. The only other outstanding question is to respond  
to Chairman Burlison's inquiry on a cost estimate for training of  
foreign liaison services encountering terrorism.

Assistant Legislative Counsel

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